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The Minnesota Wing Intranet Has Arrived

A new part to the MN Wing website is now live and open to the membership. We're calling it the Intranet. It is a members-only section of the wing website similar to National HQ's E-services site. We will have online reporting and online submission of as many forms as possible as well as many other members' only things.

Right now, there are only a few functions in there. The information from the Communications and Logistics websites has been moved into the Intranet. The Emergency Services Database and site is in the process of being moved. This site will always be under construction as we are constantly adding and improving things.

You can find this site by clicking on the new button on the left-hand side of the MN Wing Web page. The first time you try to login, you will need to create a password by clicking on the new user link. If you have trouble doing this, please let me know.

I am aware that some people that use versions of Netscape 4 or earlier will have problems accessing this site. I will work on this problem as time permits.

Please feel free to look around the site and if anyone has any suggestions for improving the site or things to add to the site, please let me know! MT w-mail is cwilberg@mnwg.cap.gov

- Capt Chet Wilberg
Minnesota Wing Information Technology Officer

Cadets Talk up Flight Academy @ 8th AF Luncheon



C/Capt. Jeff Hagen and C/Capt. Kendra Sand answer questions from Wes Borgeson and Ray Peterson (right to left) about their experiences at the Minnesota Wing Flight Academy.

This followed a presentation about the Academy at a luncheon held by the Minnesota 8th Air Force Historical Society at the American Legion Post 550 in Bloomington, MN. Col. Kevin Sliwinski, Minnesota Wing Chief of Staff also gave a presentation on the Centennial of Flight and the Minnesota Flight Expo Wright Flyer Replica touring Minnesota and the AIAA Wright Flyer Replica touring the country.

– Col Kevin Sliwinski

Stealth SAREX – 130th Sqdn 17-18 May

I just wanted to thank the 22 members who participated in the First Aid class and the 40+ who attended the ground team training over the weekend. We had members from 5 different units participate. We got a chance to work with many new members (senior and cadet) and really enjoyed the opportunity to help these members start working on this very important job. As Lt Col Stan Kegel predicted our second year would be better than the last. I'm looking forward to next year. We may need a larger tent area!

Extra thanks go to the following

- The US Army for loaning us one of their monster tents
- WCCO TV for covering our new ground team members finding a "crashed" biplane on the news.
- Valley's Lt Reichert for assisting in the training (And doing a really excellent class that I tried to sneak into myself)
- Lt Rossini and family members for going non-stop to make this the event it was and for providing real live victims for our new trainees to work with.
- Mr. Wentworth (of Wentworth Air) for providing the airplane wrecks.
The new owners of the FBO for allowing us to conduct the First Aid class indoors and for letting us use the Airport grounds for camping. You guys are GREAT!
- The local PD who were understanding about the calls concerning the "plane that crashed" calls.
- The super nifty SAR DOG folks for coming out *and hunting down Lt Rossini!

- The die hards who played Volleyball and Mr. Vonhenenburg who showed me several ways to serve that I've never seen.
 - The parents of cadets who said all the nice stuff about our activity.
 - This is greatly appreciated.
 - And last but not least Col Kegel for the Mission number and for funding us!
- Major Jay Craswell

101 Days of Summer

Col. Allenback put out the following timely message the Executive Director of CAP. -Col Hoium



101 Critical Days of Summer: Gary Woodsmall, our Chief of Safety, reminds us all that the "101 Critical days" are the historically accident-filled period of time between Memorial Day, 24 May, and Labor Day, 1 September. Summer time, unfortunately, is a time we place ourselves at greatest risk. With long-awaited vacations and weekends filled with CAP activities, we tend to be over-anxious and a little less attentive in our eagerness to enjoy all our carefully planned events. **Eagerness and inattention** can be a tragic combination. We want the summer of 2003 to be an enjoyable and mishap-free summer, but it requires extra effort from everyone to be especially careful, diligent and safety conscious.

Using your seat belts is the best way to improve your odds in having a safe and enjoyable summer. Every year, 42,850 people are killed in vehicle crashes across our nation - 60% of these fatalities were not wearing seatbelts! Seat belt usage in America is currently at 75% - other industrialized nations are near 90%. For each percentage point we raise seat belt use, 2.8 million more people are buckled-up, 250 lives are saved and 7,000 injuries are prevented. On May 19th, this year's "Click It Or Ticket" mobilization began.

You can expect to see seat belt, child restraint and sobriety checkpoints throughout the summer, but **especially this weekend**. So far, the "Click It Or Ticket" campaign has resulted in an 8% increase in seat belt use. While wearing seat belts will help keep you ticket-free - more importantly, it will keep you alive!

Finally, **don't let drinking and driving turn a holiday celebration into a tragedy**. Even moderate consumption of wine or beer impairs your ability to make proper decisions on the road. A Journal of the American Medical Association study reported that nearly two out of three children who are killed in alcohol-related crashes are passengers riding with an impaired driver. In most of these cases, children were riding with an impaired driver who failed to buckle them up.

There are a lot more summer hazards waiting for you this summer - too many to mention all of them: hot grills, dehydration, sunburn, water activities, sports, lawnmowers, etc. Watch the kids closely and make sure you and everyone around you acts responsibly and uses common sense.

Remember, **Operational Risk Management (ORM) can work as well at a weekend barbecue as it can at a CAP flight activity**. You simply must identify the hazards, assess how risky they are and come up with a plan to minimize or eliminate the risk. So please take the time to examine each situation of each activity and consider the consequences of not making safety a part of every decision. **Have fun this weekend and summer and stay safe!**

Col Al Allenback, Executive Director

Senior Member Professional Development Awards

Name	Award	Unit
Rolf Carlson	LEVEL 3 - GROVER LOENING AWARD	WORTHINGTON COMPOSITE SQDN
Richard Larson	LEVEL 3 - GROVER LOENING AWARD	PIPESTONE COMPOSITE SQDN
Rolf Carlson	LEVEL 2 - CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY	WORTHINGTON COMPOSITE SQDN
Robert Myles	MEMBERSHIP AWARD RIBBON	VIKING COMPOSITE SQDN
Robert Gaffer	LEVEL 4 - PAUL GARBER AWARD	MANKATO COMPOSITE SQDN
Charlotte Miller	LEVEL 3 - GROVER LOENING AWARD	VALLEY CADET SQDN
Valery Hoium	LEVEL 4 - PAUL GARBER AWARD	RED WING SQDN
James Fisher	LEVEL 4 - PAUL GARBER AWARD	SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA COMPOSITE SQDN

AIR STAFF MOVE RECOGNIZES CAP SECURITY ROLE

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott, Air Force Print News

One of the newest names in homeland defense is actually more than 60 years old.

The Air Force Auxiliary -- also known as the Civil Air Patrol -- has been in the defense business since Dec. 1, 1941, when it was chartered to support national defense by providing submarine reconnaissance.

In recognition of their traditional homeland security role, policy and guidance support at the Air Staff for the auxiliary was transferred to the Air Force directorate for homeland security from the directorate of operations and training.

"They're an eye in the sky," said Brig. Gen. David Clary, Air Force director for homeland security at the Pentagon. "The capability they bring is they can see things from the air that you can't see from the ground."

And, at lower cost.

According to auxiliary 4 Major. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, the CAP's national commander, auxiliary aircraft can fly for about \$90 per hour, compared with the thousands of dollars per hour spent to operate military jets or helicopters.

The auxiliary boasts about 64,000 members at 52 wings, of which more than 10,000 are pilots, scanners and observers. The CAP's 550 single-engine aircraft fly about 110,000 hours per year.

In addition, the auxiliary has about 1,000 ground search and rescue teams, 840 high-frequency radio stations, 5,000 fixed-land radio stations and 10,000 mobile radios.

Two recent missions demonstrated the auxiliary's homeland security capabilities, Clary said.

"You don't want small boats or potential terrorists in there, so they flew around looking for people who were not supposed to be there," he said. "They provided the location of intruders into the range space for law enforcement authorities. On the back end of the mission, they aided in the search for pieces of the shuttle in Texas and other states after it broke apart."

CAP members can also provide homeland security assistance through radiological monitoring, airborne communications relay, air defense radar evaluation and calibration, and intercept training, auxiliary officials said.

"That's why they're so valuable in the homeland security business," Clary said. "They can support either the Department of Defense or other lead federal agencies in the observation mission."

**REPORT OF MAY 2003 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING:**
2-3 May 2003, Atlanta, GA

Ratification of Regulations:

CAPR 123-1 was approved.
CAPR 123-2 was approved.
CAPR 900-2 was approved.

This was a complete rewrite of CAPR 900-2. Changes were made to Section A dealing with the use of the seal and emblem.

In general, the seal will be used only by units/wings/regions/headquarters for official business applications. The emblem may be used by CAP individual members on personal vehicles, letterheads, etc. but NOT for commercial purposes.

Wing Commanders may approve use of the seal for specific applications requested by members.

The seal will be removed from most bookstore items as supplies are exhausted and replaced with the emblem, but items in the field will not be recalled.

The new regulation will contain a table listing authorized usage of the seal and emblem to assist members.

The unit guidon was changed to remove the wing/region designator above the triangle.

Meeting Dates:

The following Meeting Dates were approved:
2004 Winter Board, 5-6 Mar 04, Washington, DC
2004 NCASE, 24-27 Mar 04, Atlanta, GA
2004 Spring NEC Meeting, 21-22 May 04, Atlanta, GA
2004 National Board, 18-21 Aug 04, Tampa, FL
2004 Fall NEC Meeting, 12-13 Nov 04, St. Louis, MO
2005 NCASE, TBA, Seattle, WA (tentative)
2006 NCASE, TBA, Chantilly, VA (tentative)

2002 Mission Reimbursements:

Ten wings that submitted Forms 108 after the final deadline for Air Force reimbursement of FY 2002 missions and requested that the CAP make these reimbursements from corporate funds. The total amount was \$5,651.00. The NEC voted "no".

Soaring Society of America:

The NEC voted to establish a joint working group with SSA to develop operational plans and procedures for resolving issues as required by our MOU. Col. Joe Vazquez of MER was appointed, among others, to participate with this group.

Standardized Aircraft Pilot Information File:

The NEC tasked the Operations Committee to develop a standardized pilot information file for use in all CAP aircraft. Input on contents will be solicited from wings and consolidated at Region level by 30 Jun 03. Approval of a final draft for this book will be on the National Board agenda for the August 03 meeting.

Cadet Membership Transition:

The NEC voted to establish an ad-hoc study group to study ways to retain cadet members through college and young adult years and transition them to active senior membership. The group is to make a progress report in August and a final report at the Winter 04 Board meeting.

National Chaplain Council Meeting:

Funds were requested for the Chaplain Service Advisory Council members to meet in person once per year. The NEC voted to fund this meeting with Region funds for FY 2003 and to add it as a permanent National budget item for FY 2004 and beyond.

Single Deadline for National Awards:

The NEC approved the concept of having a single deadline for submission of all nominations for National awards with a standardized cover sheet to be used during transmission. The NEC also recommended that the staff develop a means of electronic transmission for National award nominations through the approval chain.

Committee and Staff Reports:

FINANCE:

FY 2004 National Budget (Corporate Funds): The NEC approved a balanced budget at \$3.757M. It will be necessary to re-institute a quarterly aircraft hull self-insurance payment from the wings beginning Oct 03. HQ staff will calculate the amount required and the issue will be presented to the National Board in August for approval.

FY 2004 National Budget (Appropriated Funds): The NEC approved an Operations & Maintenance balanced budget at \$21.432M. This represents a \$551K reduction from FY03. Significant changes include the following:

"O" rides increased 47% from FY03.
Cadet Uniforms increased 29%
Staff travel reduced 17%
Supplies reduced 20%
National Headquarters staff reduced 10%

Corporate Partners Program:

The NEC was briefed on a new HQ CAP program to recruit corporate sponsors or "partners" to increase flow

of non-appropriated funding for CAP. A new manager has been hired at Headquarters to manage the program.

CADETS:

Cadet Training Program:

New cadet training program is fully operational. New cadet age requirements are in place.

Cadet "O" Rides :

Cadet "O" rides are being completed at a rate 38% higher than last year, resulting in a shortfall of funding for the year. Rides will be reimbursed on a "first flown-first paid" basis, so wings need to put special emphasis on completing planned rides early.

Cadet Uniform Funds:

FY03 funding for new cadet uniforms has been exhausted. There will be no more "free" uniforms from the Air Force until October. Units are advised to "recycle" uniforms from cadets who resign or outgrow their present uniforms.

National Cadet Competition Dates:

Discussion is continuing on summer versus winter venue for the National Cadet Competition. No decision on FY04 yet.

OPERATIONS:

SAR Training Funds:

Middle East Region has consumed 29% of its FY03 SAR training funds allocation through 30 April.

Satellite Telephone Technology for HLS Missions:

The NEC approved \$100K to field eight satellite telephone systems (one per region) for Homeland Security and Counterdrug Missions. Systems include antennae, transmitters, and installation. Quality is superior to our present slow scan TV and can quickly be transmitted to multiple receivers anywhere in the country. The system is compatible with most PC laptops and commercial video cameras.

Aircraft Maintenance Support:

Headquarters now has on board two people to assist wings in aircraft maintenance and parts procurement. Contact Gary Arthurs or Christie Richardson for assistance on any maintenance issues at 334-953-0195 or via e-mail at: acsupport@cap.gov. Gary was previously at the CAP Depot in Amarillo.

Glider Transfers from USAFA:

The 15 gliders on surplus at the Air Force Academy have been transferred to CAP ownership and are ready for shipment to their new homes.

Aircraft Procurement:

The 15 Cessna 182 aircraft now on order will be delivered between September and November. 28 additional aircraft authorized by FY2002 funding have

not yet been placed on order. As the new aircraft arrive, CAP will begin to reassign the Maule aircraft so as to be co-located with gliders for use as tow ships.

STEP COMMITTEE:

The CAP mission statement, core values, vision, and objectives approved by the National Board in Washington will be formally presented to the Board of Governors at their next meeting in June. Col. Anderson, XOHA, will pre-brief the Air Force senior officers sometime in May.

Old Business:

NASCAR: The NEC voted not to exercise our third year option for sponsorship of the Busch Series race car owned by Lewis Motorsports. This may cause the company to cease operation unless it can promptly find another sponsor.

NEW MEXICO T-34: The NEC voted to permit New Mexico Wing to retain possession of its T-34 aircraft with the condition that it will not be eligible for CAP appropriated funds to pay for engine or propeller replacement.

New Business:

WI WING:

NEC approved the sale of Zimmerman Field in Wisconsin. Proceeds from the sale will go to build a hangar and meeting place for Wisconsin Wing with the provision that no National funds will be required.

MN WING:

NEC authorized Minnesota Wing to build a facility for central aircraft maintenance. The \$400K required is already available from Wing sources.

CAP MEMBER DIRECTORY:

The NEC voted to permit Harris Publishing Company to publish a national membership directory at no cost to the Civil Air Patrol. Royalties on directory sales may yield potentially \$30K-\$40K for cadet programs and special activities.

A/C CHECK LISTS:

A proposal to have CAP develop and use standardized checklists for all aircraft was referred to the Operations Committee.

REGION DUES:

The NEC voted to authorize Region Commanders discretionary power to increase region membership dues up to a maximum of \$5 per senior member and \$1 per cadet member. Changes in the dues structure can be made only at the beginning of a fiscal year.

NATIONAL PAGING:

The NEC was briefed on various alternatives for nationwide paging of key personnel. It authorized the

National Executive to request Air Force permission to use the DOD satellite paging system for nationwide coverage. In the mean time, the NOC was instructed to use the network of existing digital pagers and cell phones for mission and other alerts.

CADET EPAULETS:

The National Cadet Advisory Committee requested NEC approval to change cadet officer rank from the "hard" epaulet (shoulder board) to wear of "pips" on the cloth epaulet. The request was referred to the Uniform Committee for recommendations.

SERVICE DRESS NAMEPLATE:

The Air Force has authorized its members to wear an engraved nameplate on the right breast of the blue service coat. The NEC instructed the Uniform Committee to develop a proposal for a nameplate for CAP use. When approved, CAP will request the Air Force Uniform Board for authorization to wear the nameplate.

FLIGHT SUIT PATCH:



The NEC approved the design of a CAP "Command Patch" to be worn on the flight suit, flight suit jacket and on the Blue Utility Uniform. The design is similar to the shield and scroll on the CAP national flag but conforms to Air Force requirements on size and shape.



Brig Gen Rich Anderson wear testing the new CAP MAJCOM Patch.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS UPDATE:

MEMBERSHIP CARD:

A CAP identification card is available on-line today for individuals who require one. Photograph and lamination services must be done locally. Headquarters is considering changes to have a "universal" card issued at renewal. This card would list identification information and ES or other skills resident in the national database at the time the card was issued. This approach would eliminate many of the individual cards carried by members.

CAP membership has increased 8% above this time last year. CAP is making arrangements to have CAP information included in the transition briefing Air Force members receive when leaving active duty.

EXXON/MOBIL REBATE:

Exxon/Mobil is offering 10% rebates on oil for aircraft. Go to: www.EliteEtc.com for details.

CAPMART:

This is the new name of the on-line Bookstore. It should be fully up and running by 23 Aug 03.

CAP NEWS FORMAT:

Headquarters is considering changing the format of CAP NEWS. Current events and time sensitive information of interest mostly to members would be published in a regularly updated on-line format. This would permit publication of all of the local PA stories now sent to the newspaper so more national exposure would be available. Feature articles and public relations articles aimed at the general public would be published quarterly in a "slick" magazine format. A membership survey will be circulated for ideas on the best approaches to do this.

CAP is investigating underwriting a "Hall of Honor" plaque to be located at the new Air & Space Museum under construction at Dulles Airport. The \$100K cost would be covered by individual subscriptions from members or other interested parties.

DDR FUNDING:

Wings are reminded that DDR funds may not be used for membership dues of otherwise eligible cadets. These funds can be used only to reimburse expenses for "educational" materials and activities. A plan to waive renewal dues for FY03 is in the works. Sources for the estimated \$30K in dues money for FY04 are being investigated.

COUNTERDRUG FUNDS:

FY03 funding for counterdrug activity is only 50% of last year. Wings are advised to curtail all training and save the money for actual customer missions.

REDESIGNED NATIONAL WEB SITE:

A newly designed, more user friendly web site will be operational 1 Aug 03. The NEC viewed sample pages...very impressive!

HQ CAP-USAF BRIEFING:

DEPUTY STATE DIRECTORS:

originated at the Air Force level with a requirement to eliminate 13,200 civilian positions at the end of FY03 – Sep 30. The selection was made by focusing on (1) programs that were not uniquely USAF, (2) programs that could be outsourced, (3) establishing a "fair share" allocation from among the available. The decision cannot be rescinded at this point; we must find a way. CAP-USAF will convene a conference on 20-21 May to define new roles and responsibilities for the State Directors. Included in this process will be consideration of new wing assignments for them in order to balance workload.

MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING:

A new shell MOU is being transmitted to AF/XOHA for approval. This MOU is intended to cover new (HLS) and old (SAR/DR) missions. The planned process would be for the Wing to do a survey of requirements with the resident state or local jurisdiction. These requirements would be forwarded to HQ CAP-USAF who would draft the MOU for wing and state approval. When the state signs, the MOU would be in effect. NOTE: A very thorough and comprehensive survey of state needs will be required for the process to work smoothly.

Rapid Response Teams:

The NEC was briefed on the Florida Wing concept for mission rapid response. A proposal for a national rapid response program was forwarded to the Operations Committee for recommendations.

Flight Training Simulator:

The NEC witnessed a demonstration of a computer-based flight training simulator used in Alaska. The primary purpose would be to train procedures, but pilots could log to 10 hours toward an instrument rating. Cost of the units would be about \$14K each in a volume purchase. Breakeven would be at a usage rate of 500 hours per year at a cost of \$10/hpur. The NEC referred the matter to the Operations Committee for its recommendation.

AROUND THE WING



Major John Hole, Wing Asst. Safety Officer was promoted to the grade of Major at the May Wing Staff Meeting.



Meet the 2003-2004 Cadet Advisory Council Officers (Left to Right) C/1st Lt Crissy Dalbec, Vice Chair, C/1st Lt Jessica Andrie, Chair, C/2d Lt Ryan Kenny, Recorder

Next Month in the Gremlin

- North Hennepin Change of command
- The Thunderbirds!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Trooper 7 Visits the 130th
- And More!!!!!!!!!!!!